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SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE IN CERAMIC TABLEWARE

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1. TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADINGS 69.11 AND 69.12 SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE WHEN IMPORTED FROM STATE TRADING COUNTRIES AND/OR JAPAN.

2. ABOVE REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE TABLEWARE IN QUESTION WHEN IMPORTED FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRIES (INCLUDING EEC COUNTRIES AND THE U.S.). HOWEVER, IMPORTS FROM THESE OTHER COUNTRIES OF WHITE AND OTHER PORCELAIN TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADING 69.11, ARE SUBJECT TO THE "IMPORT DECLARATION" PROCEDURE. NOTE THAT SINGLE-COLORED PORCELAIN TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADING 69.11 AND CERAMIC TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADING 69.12, FROM COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS PROCEDURE OR ANY OTHER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

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3. "IMPORT DECLARATION" PROCEDURE CONSISTS OF STATEMENT TO BE

COMPILED BY LOCAL IMPORTER AND SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE TOGETHER WITH COPY OF INVOICE BY FOREIGN EXPORTER SHOWING UNIT PRICE OF MERCHANDISE. SUCH DECLARATION, CERTIFIED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE IS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL BANK THROUGH WHICH PAYMENT IS ARRANGED AND WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUANCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE DOCUMENT ORDINARILY NEEDED TO CLEAR IMPORTED MERCHANDISE THROUGH CUSTOMS. IN TURN, LATTER DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED TO BEAR ANNOTATION THAT DECLARATION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BANK.

4. IMPORT DECLARATION MUST CONTAIN (A) FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF LOCAL IMPORTER AS WELL AS HIS REGISTRATION NUMBER WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE; (B) DESCRIPTION OF MERCHANDISE AND APPLICABLE BTN CLASSIFICATION NUMBER; (C) QUANTITY IN CUSTOMARY UNITS OF MEASURE; (D) CIF OR FOB-ITALIAN BORDER VALUE OF MERCHANDISE; (E) COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND COUNTRY FROM WHICH MERCHANDISE WAS SHIPPED; AND (F) LOCAL BANK THROUGH WHICH PAYMENT IS ARRANGED.

5. PORCELAIN TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADING 69.11 MADE IN A STATE TRADING COUNTRY OR JAPAN AND SHIPPED INTO ITALY FROM A COUNTRY IN THE EEC IS SUBJECT TO "AUTOMATIC"IMPORT LICENSE FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. SAME REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO CERAMIC TABLEWARE UNDER BTN HEADING 69.12 SHIPPED INTO ITALY FROM A COUNTRY IN THE EEC ONLY IF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS JAPAN. VOLPE UNQTE. KISSINGER

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